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1. IRAN'S SKEPTICAL VIEW OF SOUTH YEMEN HAS AGAIN SURFACED
IN LOCAL PRESS. LATEST GOI PUBLIC REACTION IS RESULT OF
SOUTH YEMEN'S APRIL 6 DENIAL OF REPORTS OF AN IMMINENT
RECONCILIATION BETWEEN THAT COUNTRY AND OMAN. ON DAY
FOLLOWING ADEN ANNOUNCEMENT TEHRAN'S AUTHORITATIVE NEWSPAPER
RASTAKHIZ, NOTED THAT THE "SOUTH YEMEN REGIME DOES NOT
BELIEVE AT ALL IN THE EFFORTS OF PEACE-LOVING COUNTRIES
TO HELP ELIMINATE TENSION BETWEEN TWO NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES"
BUT RATHER GIVES "SUPPORT TO PROFESSIONAL MERCENARIES
(READ CUBAN ADVISORS) IN A NEIGHBORING COUNTRY." ANOTHER
PRESS REPORT CHARACTERIZES SITUATION AS A
STANDOFF WITH ADEN COMPLAINING OF "CONTINUED IRANIAN
MILITARY PRESENCE" IN OMAN AND IRAN, NOTING THAT IRANIAN
TROOPS WOULD NOT BE IN OMAN "BUT FOR SOUTH YEMEN'S CUBAN-
PILOTED EFFORTS TO EXPORT MARXIST REVOLUTION TO OMAN."
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2. MFA SOURCE TOLD EMBOFF THAT GOI IS CONTINUING ITS
"WATCHFUL ATTITUDE" TOWARD RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN RED SEA
AREA. APPARENT FAILURE OF SUDANESE PRESIDENT NUMEIRY'S
RECENT SOUTH YEMEN-OMAN MEDIATION EFFORT IS DISAPPOINTING
TO IRANIANS. OFFICIALS HERE CONTINUE TO HOPE THAT SOUTH
YEMEN'S MORE MODERATE NEIGHBORS CAN BRING ABOUT NORMALIZA-

TION OF RELATIONS OF THAT COUNTRY WITH OMAN. IN PUBLIC
AND PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS GOI OFFICIALS REFER TO EXCESSIVE
COMMUNIST (BOTH SOVIET AND CUBAN) INFLUENCE IN ADEN.
RECENTLY PUBLIC GOI SUPPORT FOR "INDIAN OCEAN PEACE ZONE"
TO LIMIT BIG POWER RIVALRY IN THE AREA HAS BEEN EXPANDED
GEOGRAPHICALLY TO INCLUDE THE RED SEA, CONSIDERED A MAJOR
IRANIAN TRADE ROUTE TO EUROPE.
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